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FOLLOWING ARE FUL TEXTS OF KPA STATEMENTS MADE AT THE 380TH
MAC MEETING AS TRANSLATED BY KPA INTERPRETER.

BEGIN QUOTE

KPA FIRST STATEMENT: I HAVE NOTED YOUR STATEMENT MADE AT THIS
MEETING. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JSA
TO WHICH YOU HAVE REFERRED WAS ALREADY THOROUGHLY LAID BARE
BEFORE THE WORLD. OUR SIDE'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE WAS EXPRESSED
IN A MESSAGE CONVEYED TO YOUR SIDE'S COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNDER
THE INSTRUCTION OF THE COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE KOREAN
PEOPLE'S ARMY ON THE 21ST LAST. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE
RECENT INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE JSA, PANMUNJOM WHERE NO INCIDENTS
HAVE OCCURRED FOR A LONG PERIOD.

EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH
INCIDENTS IN THE FUTURE. FOR THIS BOTH SIDES SHOULD JOINTLY MAKE
EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT NO CLASH WILL OCCUR IN THE JSA, PANMUNJOM,
AND WE HAVE SO FAR MADE ALL OUR POSSIBLE EFFORTS FOR THIS.
HOWEVER, THE PRESENT ORDER OF INSURING SECURITY IN THE JSA HAS
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PROVED TO BE DIFFICULT TO PREVENT THIS OR THAT CONFLICT BETWEEN

THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES. AS YOUR SIDE IS ALSO AWARE, ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT APPROVED AT THE 25TH MEETING OF THE MAC HELD ON 19 OCTOBER, 1953, BOTH SIDES HAVE SO FAR MANNED THE JSA WITH NOT MORE THAN 35 ARMED PERSONNEL EACH WHO HAVE PERFORMED THEIR GUARD DUTY AT THE POSTS DISTRIBUTED ALTERNATIVELY, FREELY CROSSING THE MDL.

THE PRESENT STATE MAKES IT UNAVOIDABLE FOR THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO STAND FACE TO FACE WITH EACH OTHER. BESIDES, WHEN BOTH SIDES ENTER THE JSA, EACH SIDE HAS TO PASS BY THE POST OF THE OTHER SIDE WHICH IS ALSO A CONDITION THAT MIGHT CAUSE A CONFLICT. ALL THE INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST DIRECTLY RELATED TO THOSE FACTORS. THEREFORE, WE DEEM IT NECESSARY TO TAKE VIRTUAL (KOREAN VERSION: PRACTICAL ZSIL CHE CHOK") MEASURES TO GUARANTEE SECURITY IN THE JSA AND TO COMPLETELY REMOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES. IN ORDER TO PREVENT A CONFLICT BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES AND IN ORDER THAT EACH SIDE INSURE THE SECURITY OF EACH PERSONNEL IN THE CONFERENCE AREA, PANMUNJOM, WE BELIEVE IT MOST REASONABLE TO SEPARATE THE SECURITY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES IN THIS AREA WITH THE MDL BETWEEN THEM SO THAT THEY MAY PERFORM THEIR GUARD DUTY MOVING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA ONLY. THIS WILL MAKE BOTH SIDES HAVE THEIR GUARD POSTS ONLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PART OF THE CONFERENCE AREA. AND THIS WILL PREVENT MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES FROM BOTH ENCOUNTERING EACH OTHER AND PASSING BY THE POSTS OF THE OTHER SIDE. THEN THERE WILL OCCUR NO CONFLICTS.

THIS WILL BE THE MOST SOLID GUARANTEE OF THE INSURING THE SECURITY OF THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF EACH OF THE TWO SIDES IN THE CONFERENCE AREA, PANMUNJOM. WE REGARD THIS PROPOSAL OF OUR SIDE FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY ORDER IN THE JSA AT PANMUNJOM AS THE SOLID GUARANTEE OF PREVENTING POSSIBLE CONFLICT BETWEEN MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES AND OF INSURING SECURITY. IF YOU ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL OF OURS, THE DISCUSSING OF THE DETAILED QUESTIONS TO BE ARISEN IN THIS CONNECTION CAN BE REFERRED TO THE SECRETARIES' MEETING OF BOTH SIDES.

KPA SECOND STATEMENT: I HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT THE CHANGING OF THE SECURITY ORDER IN THE JSA. THE FORM OF OUR PROPOSAL IS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY PERSONNEL OB BOTH SIDES SHOULD BE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER SO THAT THEY MAY PERFORM GUARD DUTY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS ONLY. THIS WILL MAKE THEM UNABLE TO GET MINGLED WITH EACH OTHER AND THEREFORE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN. I HAVE NOTED YOUR STATEMENT THAT YOU WILL STUDY OUR PROPOSAL.

KPA THIRD STATEMENT: AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED, BOTH SIDES SHOULD EXERCISE PRUDENCE AND MAKE JOINT EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE RECURRENCE

OF SUCH INCIDENT AS OCCURRED IN THE JSA RECENTLY. THIS QUESTION CANNOT BE SOLVED BY THE EFFORTS OF EITHER SIDE ALONE. TODAY WE MADE A PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY ORDER WHICH WILL MAKE SECURITY GUARDS OF BOTH SIDES PERFORM THEIR GUARD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA SEPARATED BY THE MDL. AS A VIRTUAL (SIC) MEASURE AGAINST THE RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENT BETWEEN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES. IF YOUR SIDE IS REALLY INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING SECURITY IN THIS AREA, IT SHOULD APPROACH TO OUR PROPOSAL IN A SINCERE MANNER, OUR SIDE HAS NO OTHER SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED.

KPA FOURTH STATEMENT: AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED, THE TRUTH ABOUT THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JSA RECENTLY HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR. IF YOUR SIDE REALLY WANTS TO INSURE THE SECURITY IN THE JSA, YOUR SIDE SHOULD CAREFULLY STUDY OUR PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY ORDER AND RESPOND TO IT IN AN AFFIRMATIVE MANNER.

I AGREE TO YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A RECESS.

END QUOTE.
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